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Rep. Ward Praises BRAC Presentation



HARTFORD – House Minority Leader state Rep. Robert M. Ward today praised Gov. M. Jodi Rell for presenting the state’s persuasive case to save the Groton submarine base during Base Relocation and Closure Commission hearings in Boston.

Gov. Rell led the state’s efforts to remove the base from the list of those that the Defense Department has proposed closing in order to save money and consolidate military installations.

“Gov. Rell and the other members of the state Strike Force presented committee members with a clear and concise argument, based on the facts, about why the submarine base must remain viable for the good of our national defense. The arguments presented clearly demonstrate that the decision to place it on the closure list cannot be supported by the facts,” Ward said.

Ward also praised members of the congressional delegation who took part in the hours long session before the BRAC members, including Senators Joseph Lieberman and Chris Dodd and Congressman Rob Simmons of the 2nd District.

“This has been a bipartisan effort from the very beginning and continues on,” Ward said. “This is about national defense and protecting thousands of jobs. The presenters showed why Groton must continue to be the Submarine Capital of the World.”